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## ***Jersey City Awarded \$4.6 Million in Federal Stimulus Funds for the Resurfacing of Newark and Sip Avenues***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy today announced the award of **\$4.6 million** of federal stimulus funding from the **North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA)** for a **street improvement, rehabilitation, and safety project for Newark and Sip Avenues**.

“This funding is a vital infusion of dollars that will assist us locally in maintaining the conditions of our roads,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Jersey City is not only the second largest city in the state, but we are also an employment center and it is critical our residents and our workforce have a safe transportation network.”

The project is specifically for Sip Avenue between John F. Kennedy Boulevard and Bergen Avenue, and Newark Avenue between Tonnele Avenue and Coles Streets.

The road resurfacing project will include, but is not limited to, milling, resurfacing with Hot Mix Asphalt, the laying down of long-life traffic lines and symbols, the installation of handicapped curb ramps where required, replacement of the catch basin cast-iron curb pieces with environmentally acceptable catch basin curb pieces, installation of bicycle safe grates, and many other improvements.

In the coming weeks, the City will go out to bid on the **\$4.6 million road resurfacing project**, which will be funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

“Motorists on Newark and Sip Avenues will benefit from much smoother and safer driving conditions following the implementation of this project,” said **Mayor Healy**.

The federal stimulus act funding awarded to “**shovel ready**” projects in the **13-County North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) region** breaks down as follows: \$286 million for New Jersey Department of Transportation highway and bridge projects; \$341 million for New Jersey Transit projects; and \$124 million for locally led projects selected by the NJTPA. Additionally, close to \$1 million will be utilized for county roads in Jersey City, including projects slated for Kennedy Boulevard and Paterson Plank Road. The NJTPA is the federally authorized Metropolitan Planning Organization for 6 million people in the 13-County Northern New Jersey region.

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